Chronology of Entrances, Forest Lawn Cemetery Buffalo, New York, 1851-1907, 1920

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List of entrances

Delaware Avenue at the foot of Bird Avenue (Original entrance)

Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue (Proposed but never developed)

Main Street below Delavan Avenue (two locations)

Delaware Avenue (current entrance at 1411 Delaware Ave.)

Main Street (current entrance at corner of Main Street and Delavan Avenue)

Jefferson Avenue (Current entrance at 1990 Main Street)

Single chronology encompassing all entrances

1851—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Letter from William Pryor Letchworth to his sisters, June 1851. Writing about a visit to Forest Lawn, he describes the entrance: "As you enter the grounds you leave the main road passing beneath a very pretty arched gothic gateway with ledges on either side and follow a serpentine graveled road lined with a green substrate border here and there shaded with tall trees and at the distance of perhaps a quarter of a mile around a slight declivity and on crossing the stream you are in the grounds."

1851—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Buffalo Morning Express, Aug. 23, 1851 (Reprinted in *Forest Lawn Landscape Renewal Plan,* Appendix A: Chronology, A.8)
"The Cemetery grounds are approached by Delaware Street...."
"The proprietors have enclosed it with a substantial and appropriate fence and erected at the entrance an imposing and proper gateway."

1855—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Forest Lawn Illustrated, p. 52
"About twenty-four thousand dollars have been expended in improving the grounds, including fencing, Erection of buildings, receiving vault, and the construction of a macadamized road leading from Delaware Avenue into the Cemetery.

1855?--Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Map of Forest Lawn Cemetery, surveyed and drawn by Colburn and Berger, Civil Engineers, Buffalo Entrance is shown

1866-- Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
City of Buffalo. 36 School District Map
Forest Lawn shown as only the original 80 acres. Linwood Avenue extends across Delavan Avenue prior

to the development of that area.

1867—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Forest Lawn: Its History, Dedications, Progress.... 1867, p. 128-129
"To be more definite, our main Entrance is on the south side of the Cemetery, at the head of Linwood Avenue (which leads south, from Delavan Avenue into the heart of the city), and opens into the grounds at a width of sixty feet, and passing on several rods to the first bridge, gradually contracts to fifty feet at some distance further, where it branches into two chief avenues—one leading east and the other north—to the main body and separate sections of the occupied territory."

"For admittance, on all occasions of burial, or visitation, there is laid out for future uses, one grand entrance, and one only. That entrance opens on a broad avenue of some length, stately, and imposing in character, and leads by diverging main courses, of ample width, to other and more distant parts of the grounds, yet so planned as to reach the entire circumference, making the remotest corners accessible to carriages. Thus, the first impression given to those who enter the cemetery, is that of appropriateness of purpose, and dignity of aspect."

1867—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Bette A. Rupp. "Forest Lawn: Buffalo's Rural Cemetery" (1994), p. 39
"The original Buffalo City Cemetery main entrance had been announced in a report to the lot holders dated 1867 as the head if Linwood Avenue (which leads south from Delaware Avenue into the heart of the city)."

ca. 1872—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
"Map of the Grounds Belonging to the Buffalo City Cemetery—Forest Lawn"
Entrance is shown but not identified.

ca. 1872—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
"Map of the Grounds Belonging to the Buffalo City Cemetery—Forest Lawn"
No entrance is shown.

ca. 1872--Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
"Map of the Grounds Belonging to the Buffalo City Cemetery—Forest Lawn"
Entrance appears to be shown but not identified as such.

1872— Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue?
Report of the Trustees, July 13, 1872, v. 1, p. 249
"...reported that the House at the entrance of the Cemetery on Delavan Street had become so dilapidated that it was untenable and not worth repairing..."

1874—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, October 12, 1874, v. 1 p. 251
"...Recommended that the front room in the house at the entrance on Main Street be fitted up with a stove and furniture as a waiting room for the convenience of visitors to the cemetery."

"...Resolved that the entrance from Delaware Street be closed for the winter, and the Main Street entrance be opened for funerals..."

1875—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
"Map of Buffalo City Cemetery" (1875)
Entrance is shown.

1875—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Report of the Trustees of Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot-Proprietors, Nov. 1, 1875, p. 7
"The avenue from the Delaware street entrance to the bridge was graded, widened and macadamized."

1875—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Report of the Trustees of Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot-Proprietors, Nov. 1, 1875, p.11
"Access to Forest Lawn is had by entrances upon Delaware and Main streets; vehicles are admitted by the Delaware street entrance only."

1875—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Report of the Trustees of Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot-Proprietors, Nov. 1, 1875, p. 7
"A road has been constructed from the Main street entrance to old Forest Lawn, giving at all times entrance to the grounds, free from the obstructions that occasionally, during severe winter months, render them difficult of access, by the Delaware street entrance. A tasteful and convenient building, designed for an office and waiting room, has been erected, and is so arranged, that it can be used for funeral services when the inclemency of the weather renders it desirable."

ca. 1875—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Reprinted from National Register application, *Forest Lawn Landscape Renewal Plan*, Appendix A: Chronology, A.12
"...a new entrance at Delavan Avenue, a new entrance on Main Street north of Scajaquada Creek...."

1875—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
"Map of the Buffalo City Cemetery" (1875)
Entrance is shown, leads to bridge over creek and to office

1875—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
"Map of the Buffalo City Cemetery" (1875)
Entrance is shown

1875--Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Report of the Trustees of Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot-Proprietors, Nov. 1, 1875, p.7
"A substantial picket fence was built from the boundary line on Delaware street to the proposed main entrance on Delavan Avenue. All of the above was work of the first three years of the Association."

1875—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
"Map of Buffalo City Cemetery" (1875)
Entrance is shown, along with roads leading from it.

1875—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Report of the Trustees of Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot-Proprietors, Nov. 1, 1875, p.8
"Nothing has been done by the city to improve Linwood Avenue so that it can be made available for use at all seasons. Until this is done, it is not deemed advisable to open the proposed main entrance fronting that avenue, and the erection of a gateway office and chapel are also necessarily postponed."

ca. 1875—Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue?
Reprinted from National Register application, *Forest Lawn Landscape Renewal Plan*, Appendix A: Chronology, A.12
...a new entrance at Delavan Avenue, a new entrance on Main Street north of Scajaquada Creek...."

ca. 1878—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Forest Lawn Timeline (Reprinted in *Forest Lawn Landscape Renewal Plan*, Appendix A: Chronology, A.13).
The Delaware Avenue entrance opposite Bird Avenue is closed and replaced with a spacious entrance at Delaware. The new entrance leads to a 50-foot wide "macadamized and graveled road."

ca. 1878-1880—Delavan Avenue at foot of Linwood Avenue
"Forest Lawn Cemetery Sections 11, 12, 13 & pt. of 10." Map by Joseph Earnshaw.
No entrance shown. Sections 12 and 13 are complete.

1879—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, October 30, 1879, v. 1, p. 349
[Discussion about ability to expend a larger sum] "in laying out avenues and to erect a suitable entrance on the new site selected, at the junction of Delaware, which should be done as soon as possible for Forest Lawn with all its natural beauty deserves an entrance second to none, and there is no doubt that such a course would receive the sanction of every lot-owner."

1879—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue & Delaware Avenue
Bette A. Rupp. "Forest Lawn: Buffalo's Rural Cemetery" (1994), p. 39-40
"In October of 1879, the Land Committee recommended, and the Trustees passed, a resolution to move this [Delaware Avenue at the foot of Bird Avenue] entrance to Delaware and Delavan. At the next meeting that resolution was rescinded. On December22, 1879, a special meeting was called to decide the location of the entrance and the Trustees heard from citizens on the subject. Again, the Board resolved the entrance be located at Delaware and Delavan. At a March 8, 1880, meeting the Trustees heard a special committee from the Park Commission...in relation to the change of the entrance to Forest Lawn. The objections were presented by Jewett...and "thoroughly discussed" by the Trustees and members of the Committee."

1880—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
"The Parks." *Evening Republic* Jan. 7, 1880
[Meeting of Jan. 6, 1880] "The president called the attention of the board to the reported intention of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery to make the general entrance gate to the cemetery at the corner of Delavan Avenue and Delaware Avenue, and suggested that inasmuch as Delaware Avenue was the principal approach to the Park, that an effort should be made to induce the Cemetery Trustees to place the gate on Delavan Avenue, at the head of Linwood Avenue, in order that funeral processions might thus be diverted from Delaware to Linwood Avenue. The subject was worth considering not only for the present but the future."

1880-- Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Bette A. Rupp. "Forest Lawn: Buffalo's Rural Cemetery" (1994), p. 40

"At a March 8, 1880, meeting the Trustees heard a special committee from the Park Commission...in relation to the change of the entrance to Forest Lawn. The objections were presented by Jewett...and 'thoroughly discussed by the Trustees and members of the Committee."

1880—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Sept. 13, 1880, p. 374
"Resolution adopted: That the entrance on Delaware Avenue near Bird Avenue be closed on the completion of the new entrance, corner of Delaware."

1880—Delaware
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, September 28, 1880, v. 1, p. 375
Newspaper advertisement, laid in. "Notice to Architects" seeking proposals for construction of gateway and lodge.

1881—Delaware Avenue
"Forest Lawn, an Interesting and Valuable Set of Maps—Another Public Vault—Plans for the New Entrance." *Buffalo Express*, January 18, 1881
"Also, in the coming season a gateway and appropriate buildings will be provided for the new entrance to the cemetery, at the corner of Delaware. The trustees invited plans, and six have been submitted. Any one of the plans carried out would apparently have a very picturesque and ornamental effect. To the right of each is a porter's lodge, to the left a residence, presumably for the Superintendent, with the double gateway between (Balance of article missing).

1883—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
"Map of the Buffalo City Cemetery"
Entrance is shown, leading to bridge over creek and to office.

1884—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue & Delaware
"Annual Report of the Trustees—Interesting Statistics Concerning Forest Lawn." *Buffalo Daily Courier*, Feb. 18, 1884 [Since no reports were issued 1879-1883, events reported in 1884 could have occurred as early as 1879.]; reprinted in National Register application. Historical Narrative (1990), p.6
"The original, rather inconvenient entrance on Delaware Avenue , fronting the termination of Bird Avenue, has been closed, and a spacious new one opened at the corner of Delaware leading into an imposing macadamized and graded roadway fifty feet in width from which diverge narrower but adequate avenues of like construction; each one approaching the various sections of the grounds."

1884—Delaware Avenue at foot of Bird Avenue
Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, published by G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia
No entrance shown.

1884—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
"Map of the Buffalo City Cemetery"
Entrance is shown, leading to bridge over creek and to office.

1884—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, published by G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia
Entrance is shown. Also shown are two stone structures between entrance and creek and one stone and one wooden structure on opposite side of the creek.

1884—Delaware Avenue
Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, published by G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia
Entrance is shown.

1884—Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, published by G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia
Entrance is not shown.

1885—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, July 13, 1885, v.2, p. 23

1885—Main Street below Delavan Avenue or Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, July 13, 1885, v.2, p. 23
Bid of Champion Iron Fence Company of Fenton, Ohio to build a fence from Scajaquada Creek on Main Street to Delavan Avenue, on Delavan Avenue from Main Street to Delaware Street, and on Delaware Street to the Park was accepted. Also accepted was an offer to build an entrance gate.

1885—Main Street below Delavan Avenue or Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, July 31, 1885, v.2, p. 23
"The Sec'y read a letter rec'd from Mr. Price of the Champion Iron Fence Co. of Kenton, Ohio related to plans for entrance gates which accompanied it." Adopted subject to change in the width of arch. Also decided to adopt cast iron posts instead of octagonal ones with pickets.

1885-1886—Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Delaware Avenue
Report of the Superintendent for October 1885-April 1886
"A massive double [?] gateway erected at the Delaware and Main Street entrances."

1886-- Delaware Avenue and Main Street
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Nov. 8, 1886, v.2, p. 62
"Together with this [the iron fence] a massive double iron gateway has been erected at the Delaware and Main St. entrances, provided with a small gate four feet wide at each side of the gateways for the accommodation of pedestrians." For construction specifications, see Proposal and contract. Champion Iron Fence Co., July 30, 1885.

1887—Delaware Avenue
Report of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot Owners, February 1st, 1887. p.2
"There has been erected a substantial picketed iron fence...with two imposing ornamental iron gates, one at the entrance on the corner of Delaware, the other on the Main Street front north of Scajaquada Creek."

1887—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, July 11, 1887, v.2, p.83
Trustees expressed interest in more imposing gates at Delaware and Delavan.

1887—Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Delaware Avenue
Report of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery to the Lot Owners, February 1st, 1887. p. 2

"There has been erected a substantial picketed iron fence...with two imposing ornamental iron gates, one at the entrance on the corner of Delaware, the other on the Main Street front north of Scajaquada Creek."

1887—Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Delaware Avenue
The Superintendent's Monthly Report, March 1st, 1887
"Before the new iron gates were erected on Main St. the man who take of the horses, including his wife[the man, who took care of the horses, and his wife took care of the Main St. gates, but since the location of the gates had been changed I find it will be impossible to have the Main St. entrance properly taken care of without some person being in attendance, the same as to the Delaware Av. Entrance. I would suggest that some suitable person be appointed from the first of May until the first of October to attend to the duties of gatekeeper.

1887—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Superintendent's Report for July 1887
"Substantial piers were built as a foundation for the gate lodge on Main Street. The building is now under progress of erection."

1887—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Four bills dated July-August 1887, for building supplies for Main Street entrance and gatehouse.
Window frame, bay window, knobs, locks, flooring, shingles

1887—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, 12th Sept. 1887, v.2, p. 86
Adopted Superintendent's recommendation "relative to paying Jacob Stucki, the contractor, fifty dollars in excess of his contract price for building the waiting room at the Main Street entrance...."
Adopted "That the Superintendent and Secretary be authorized to purchase a desk and table for use at the office and waiting room at the cemetery...."
Resolved "That the new Main Street gate lodge be insured for $600...."

1887—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Report of the Superintendent for the year ending October 31, 1887
"At the Main Street entrance a Gate Lodge of Gothic style 18 ft. by 32, with a six-foot verandah in front, was built during the summer. The interior of this building comprises a room for the use of the gatekeeper, also a general waiting room for the public. Two water closets and broom room have also been provided."

1887—Delaware Avenue
Report of the Superintendent for the year ending October 31, 1887
"The office and gate lodge at the Delaware Avenue entrance have received a coat of paint outside."

1888—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Jan. 9, 1888, v.2 p. 95-96
McDonnell & Sons submitted plans for a redesigned entrance at Delaware and Delavan. No action was taken.

1888—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Feb. 13, 1888, v.2, p. 97

Champion Fence Company submitted a new plan for changes to the iron gates at Delaware and Delavan. Buffalo architects were asked to submit plans for a redesign of the gates

1888—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Mar. 12, 1888, v.2, p. 98
A plan for redesigning the entrance at Delaware and Delavan submitted by Champion Fence Company was being considered.

1891—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, published by G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia
Entrance is shown. Also shown are three stone structures between entrance and creek and three stone and one wooden structure on opposite side of the creek.

1891—Delaware Avenue
Atlas of the City of Buffalo, New York, published by G. M. Hopkins, Philadelphia
Shown as "Main Entrance."

1892—Delaware Avenue and Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, May 9, 1892, v.2, p. 167
Trustees again express desire for a more impressive entrance at Delaware and Delavan. They were also considering a relocation of the entrance to the foot of Linwood.

1893-- Delavan Avenue at the foot of Linwood Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Jan. 9. 1893, p. 177
The committee charged with locating a gateway and entrance to the cemetery recommended that it be placed at the head of Linwood Avenue. Consideration was delayed until more board members were present.

1894—Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Delaware Avenue
A City of the Dead." *Courier Express*, Apr. 22, 1894
"The main approaches are from Main Street and Delaware Avenue. The gateways are not very impressive. Near the Main Street entrance, the old "castle" surrounded by fine trees is tenanted by the superintendent's family."

1896--Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Dec. 14, 1896, v.2, p. 232
"The Superintendent was directed to have a chimney properly built for each of the two houses at the entrances of Main St. & at corner of Delaware & Delavan Avenues and to provide suitable stoves for the waiting rooms."

1898—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
"Everybody's Column," *Buffalo Evening News*, Sept. [?], 1898
Complaint about being denied access at "Main Street entrance."

1899—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
George E. Troup. "Topographic Map of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.", March 8, 1899
Entrance is shown, leading to bridge over creek and to office.

1899—Main Street below Delavan Avenue & Main Streets
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, July 10, 1899, v. 2, p. 265
"...a committee of five to take into consideration the widening of Main Street—also the advisability of building a new gateway corner of Main Street to take the place of one on Main Street—said committee to report to the Board their conclusions."

1899--Main Street
George E. Troup. "Topographic Map of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.", March 8, 1899--Main Street
No entrance is shown.

1900—Main Street below Delavan Avenue
George E. Troup. "Topographic Map of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.", Jan. 15, 1900
Entrance is not shown; the road ends at junction of 20, 28, & 29.

1900--Main Street
George E. Troup. "Topographic Map of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.", Jan. 15, 1900
Entrance is shown but not with configuration introduced in 1901.

1900--Main Street
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, Jan. 8, 1900-June 21, 1900
Numerous discussions regarding seeking plans for entrance.

1900--Main Street
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, July 9, 1900, v.2, p. 278
Rejected all plans for an entrance gateway heretofore submitted. The special committee appointed to select a design and presented three designs numbered nos. 1, 2, and 3. Plan no. 1, prepared by H. O. Holland was accepted conditioned on the cost not exceeding $40,000. "The Superintendent was authorized to sell the brick building on Main Street and have it torn down...."

1900--Main Street
Forest Lawn Timeline
1900 July 9th Henry Osgood Holland wins competition to design Main Street Entrance. Construction done by Rumrill and Carter, Room 1, Builders Exchange, Buffalo

1900--Main Street
Forest Lawn Cemetery: Buffalo History Preserved, p.62-63
[In anticipation of the Pan-American Exposition in 1901] "Forest Lawn joined in the civic arrangements by erecting a new gate at Main Street. Reflecting the general enthusiasm and self-confidence of the nation and city, the entrance was designed as a massive triumphal arch in the Beaux Arts style. Towering 40 feet and spanning the entry road, the arch was complemented by pavilion gatehouses on either side. The granite expression of exuberance and optimism is presently one of two principal entrances to the cemetery."

1901--Main Street
"Map of Buffalo City Cemetery [Forest Lawn], Buffalo, N. Y. Jan. 19. 1901"
Entrance is shown.

1901—Main Street below Delavan and Delaware & Delaware Avenue
Report of the Superintendent, 1902 (for the previous year)
"The Gate Lodge at the old Main St. entrance was moved to the site of the Delaware Ave. entrance & placed in connection with part of the one that originally stood there, & makes a very complete arrangement, it being equipped with all necessary improvements, & presents a very complete favorable appearance."

1902— Delaware Avenue
"'Open Delaware Ave. Gate,' Indignant Cry of Angry Lot Owners." *Buffalo Courier* 15 Mar. 1902: 8.
Reaction to decision to close gate at Delaware and Delavan and have all funerals enter and leave cemetery via gate at Main and Delavan

1905—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, August 14, 1905, v.3, p 23
"Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of a new entrance and office building on the grounds beg to report that after consultation with Superintendent they have carefully considered the situation, and that they advise the construction of a new building and gate combined at the Delaware Ave. entrance, to be built mainly from the stone from one of our quarries. The building to have an office and waiting room with the necessary conveniences attached. Also, that the storerooms and shed now connected with the office be moved to the neighborhood of the barn near the Superintendent's home."

1905—Delaware Avenue
Plans for office building and new entrance announced. "Big Improvements at Forest Lawn." *Buffalo Commercial* 12 Dec. 1905: 15; "A Fine New Gate for Forest Lawn." *Buffalo Courier* 13 Dec. 1905: 8; "Elaborate Gate at Forest Lawn." *Buffalo Enquirer* 13 Dec. 1905: 4.

1906—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, May 28, 1906, v.3, p 62
The decision was made to accept the plan for lower gateway instead of higher.

1906—Delaware Avenue
Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Buffalo City Cemetery, May 28, 1906, v.3, p 62-65
Frank Loomis presented lengthy dissent to the plan. It begins as follows.
"I dissent from the majority report favoring the erection of a gateway and office building according to the plans drawn by Mr. George Cary, architect, for the reason that such report does not embody Mr. Cary's recommendation that the entrance be located to the north of the present entrance, so as to be visible from up Delaware Avenue.

"It is proposed to expend a large amount of money in the erection of a stately edifice. The expenditure of this money has been advocated and is and can be justified only on the ground that the present gateway is lacking in the dignity and artistic merit which ought to grace an entrance from our principal residence street, at a point where more people pass, and where it is more likely to be seen by visitors than anywhere else.

"And yet in the face of this fact; in contradiction, as it were, of the only argument by which the expenditure of the money can be justified, it is suggested that we should as far as practicable, hide the gateway so that it will not be seen from up Delaware Avenue."
(The entire Loomis document is attached).

1907—Delaware Avenue
Forest Lawn timeline
Administrative Building and Delaware Avenue Gate designed by George Cary constructed by J. H. Tilden Company of Buffalo.

1907—Delaware Avenue
Forest Lawn Cemetery: Buffalo History Preserved, p.64
"At this time [1906-1907] [Charles] Cary also modified the entrance at Delaware, adding wrought iron gates and topping the entry arch with elaborate wrought iron."

1920—Jefferson Avenue
Report of the Superintendent for December 1920, v. 2, p. 197
"The work of raising the fence along Delaware Street south of the creek as mentioned in my report of November 1920 was finished also the setting of the gates at the entrance to the driveway recently opened opposite Jefferson Street. The gates used were a portion of those used at the old Delaware Ave. entrance.